

Minutes of the Charles A. Ransom District Library - June 17, 2008  
Truth in Taxation and Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Asselmeier  
Members present: Davis, Prentice, Gelbaugh, Heed, Asselmeier, Klein, Haan  
Members absent: Keeney  
Director Katie Bell Moore  
Children Librarian: Erin Marsh  
No Public

Prior to the start of the regular meeting Erin Marsh presented to the board an overview of children programs and activities. She also showed the board the web site and activities available for children on the web site. On behalf of the board President Asselmeier expressed the board appreciation of the efforts Erin has made to providing rewarding and successful programming for children and families in the community.

#### TRUTH IN TAXATION

President Asselmeier called the Truth in Taxation Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Members present as above  
No Public

Treasurer Gelbaugh and Director Bell Moore presented the proposed budget for 2008-09. The proposed millage for 2008-09 will be .9176 after Headley rollback.

Motion to adjourn Truth in Taxation to go into the regular meeting format. Haan/Gelbaugh, carried.

#### REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:15 p.m.  
Attendance as above

Minutes of the May 20, 2008, meeting were reviewed. *Motion Klein/Davis to approve as written. Carried.*

President Report: No report

Director's Report

#### Financial

- I have contacted the Gun Plain Township office concerning the approximately \$20,000 in tax money we have not received from them. They said that it was from delinquent taxes, and that we should be receiving a check from the county at the end of May.
- Budget planning for 2008-09 has been in full swing. This year we are deliberately including a line item for a carryover amount, instead of taking a wait-and-see

approach. We want to make sure we keep our savings a priority in these difficult economic times.

### Programs

- The Allegan County Library Association raised over \$700 to donate to the Imagination Library of Allegan County with the penny drive in March. The Ransom District Library raised the second highest amount with \$97.39 – the Allegan Public Library raised over \$400! Our library also raised \$25 from a pop can drive in April.
- We are holding a silent auction on May 17<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Friends' booksale. The auction is our Imagination Library fundraiser for the month of May. Many thanks to Pat Davis for donating her own work for auction, as well as gathering donations from other artists.
- Our basic computer skills class continues with great success on Saturday mornings. We will take a break in June and return in July.
- The Friends are hosting a quilt show featuring the work of Evelyn Prentice and friends on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- The Library will host an "Antiques Roadshow" program on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Local appraiser Gregg Scott of Riverwalk Antiques will deliver verbal, non-binding opinions of value on two items per person.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Memorial Day Ice Cream social on May 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center from 10:30-12:30. All proceeds will be donated to the Imagination Library of Allegan County.

### Administrative

- We have received health insurance rates for our current Blue Cross insurance plan.
- Alan Asselmeier has received this year's Trustee Citation of Merit award from the Michigan Library Association! Alan will receive his award at the MLA annual conference in October, which will be held at the Radisson in Kalamazoo. Congratulations Alan!

### Committee Reports

**Budget:** Budget Committee met to discuss salary and wages on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Proposed budget will be discussed under Continue Business

**Building and Grounds:** Looking into possible options for snowplowing

Chula Vista has prepared the flower beds. Katie thanked volunteers.

**Endowment:** No report

**Personnel Committee:** Turn in Evaluation for tallying.

**Public Relations:** No Report

**Trustee Comments:** No comments

Comments from Public: No public

**Continued Business:**

- **The Board reviewed the 2008-09 budget . *Motion Davis/Prentice to adopt the 2008-09 budget in the amount of \$504,700.00. Roll call vote: Prentice yes, Gelbaugh yes, Heed yes, Klein yes, Davis yes, Haan yes, Asselmeier yes. Motion carried.***
- **The allowable millage for 2008-09 is .9176 mils after Headlee. *Motion Davis/Klein to levy the allowable millage of .9176 for 2008-09. Roll call vote: Prentice yes, Klein yes, Heed yes, Gelbaugh yes, Haan yes, Davis yes, Asselmeier yes. Motion carried.***

**New Business:**

- **Nomination Committee met and set emails asking for candidates to fill officer position for 2008-09. The committee recommendation was to keep the present officers as assigned. *Motion Prentice/Klein to elect: Asselmeier, President, Davis Vice President, Gelbaugh, Treasurer and Haan, Secretary. Motion Carried.***
- ***Motion Haan/Prentice to set regular meeting dates on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Burchfield Room. Motion Carried.***

*Motion Haan/Davis to adjourn 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.*

**Next Meeting will be July 15, 2008**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Haan, Secretary**